

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-19 and 21 are in the application, with Claims 1, 9 and 14 having been amended, with Claims 8 and 20 having been cancelled, and with Claim 21 having been added. Claims 1, 9 and 14 are the independent claims herein. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended so as to be identical in scope to former claim 8, which was found by the Examiner to recite allowable subject matter. Accordingly it is believed that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

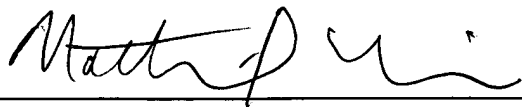
Claim 9 has been amended in similar fashion to claim 1, and thus is also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 14 has been amended so as to be identical in scope to former claim 20, which was found by the Examiner to recite allowable subject matter. Accordingly it is believed that claim 14 is in condition for allowance.

New claim 21 is dependent on claim 9. Claim 21 recites that the mold impresses a pattern on a plastic layer of a copper/plastic disk. Support for claim 21 is found at page 4, lines 10-11 and page 3, line 25 to page 4, line 4 of the specification.

Since the three independent claims are all ready for allowance, the application as a whole is ready for allowance. Passage to issue is respectfully requested. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-3460.

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